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ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health
and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the
Year 1973

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1973.

Home Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,860 which is slightly lower than that of 5,860 for the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 45 (27 M. 18 F.) which was a decrease of 10 from that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 7.7 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 11.1 compared with 13.1 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

No stillbirths were registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths was Nil, compared with that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality

One infant death was registered during the year. The infant mortality rate was accordingly 22.0 compared with that of 17.0 for England and Wales.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Mortality

The total number of deaths from all causes was 105 (45 M. 60 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 17.9 which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts the adjustment rate becomes 8.4 in comparison with that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural causes amongst the aged viz. Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, of those there were 54.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 20 of those deaths in the following age-groups:-
2 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74 and 11 over 75 years. These figures follow the usual pattern that the majority of deaths from Coronary disease

are amongst the aged and would suggest that a degenerative process is the most important factor.

Coronary Atheroma of the Heart is also not an uncommon cause of death, often unsuspected in life, as revealed by post-mortem examinations.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 21 in the following age-groups:-
1 between 35 - 44; 2 between 45 - 54; 1 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74 and 10 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of 7M & 1F deaths in the following age-groups:- 0 between 35 - 44; 1 between 45 - 54; 0 between 55 - 64 and 4 between 65 - 74 and 3 over 75 years of age.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no unusual mortality. There was no death from Infectious Disease.

Cancer causes a relentless toll of human lives all over the world, and is invariably the second highest cause of deaths of which heart and arterial diseases are the chief cause; the majority of the latter causes are due to old age and coronary thrombosis. However, many deaths from Cancer occur in younger age-groups, usually over the age of 40 years. The majority are in all probability due to delay by patients in seeking medical advice, having regard also to the fact that the onset of the disease is insidious or latent.

It is an old adage that 'prevention is better than cure', and there is sufficient modern knowledge about the causes of some forms of Cancer to enable their prevention.

Modern surgery and X-rays and other radiations used, singly or in combination, have transformed the treatment of this group of diseases.

Almost all skin Cancers and over 80% of Cancers of the Cervix of the Uterus can be cured if they are treated early.

Infectious Diseases

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

| | | |
|------------------|---------|----|
| Acute Meningitis | | 2 |
| Measles | | 78 |

Measles is still endemic and prevalent although vaccination is an inhibiting factor in the prevention of larger outbreaks, the serious complications of former years are now relatively infrequent and when they do occur are usually treated successfully by specific anti-biotics.

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Phneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid, Paratyphoid Fevers and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs. Fortunately, there was no outbreak of Influenza during the winter months.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has also been recently introduced for girls aged about 11 - 14 years which would prevent congenital malformations amongst babies whose mothers might suffer from this infection during the early months of pregnancy.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on the 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year. New cases amongst youth are uncommon to-day compared with the relatively larger numbers of previous decades and is a reflection of the valuable work of the Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography Services, including B.C.G. vaccination.

Food Poisoning

No cases of this illness occurred throughout the District during the year, which is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine preventive work carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of and interest in the Department and also the Staff for their very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1973.

Area:- 8,946 acres.

Registrar-General's Estimate of:

The Resident Population 5,860

Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books ... 2,252

Rateable Value £789,620

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £7,350

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | <u>Tenterden</u> <u>Borough</u> <u>Rural</u> <u>District</u> | <u>England</u> <u>&</u> <u>Wales</u> |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---|--|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | | | |
| 1. <u>Live Births</u> | 45 | 27 | 18 | Birth Rate per | 7.7 | 13.7 |
| (a) Legitimate | 44 | 27 | 17 | 1,000 estimated | (Adjusted | |
| (b) Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 | resident | Rate) | |
| | | | | population | 11.1 | |
| 2. <u>Stillbirths</u> | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 | Nil | 12.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | - | - | - | total (live & | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | still) births | | |
| 3. <u>Total live and</u> <u>Stillbirths</u> | 45 | 27 | 18 | | | |
| 4. <u>Deaths</u> | 105 | 45 | 60 | Death Rate per | 17.9 | 12.0 |
| | | | | 1,000 resident | (Adjusted | |
| | | | | population | Rate | |
| | | | | | 8.4 | |
| 5. <u>Deaths from Preg-</u> <u>nancy, Childbirth,</u> <u>Abortion</u> | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 | - | Not |
| | | | | live births | | Available |
| 6. <u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>Under One Year of</u> <u>Age</u> | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 | | 17.0 |
| | | | | live births | | |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 | 23.0 | 16.0 |
| | | | | live births | | |
| | | | | (Legitimate) | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 | Nil | 22.0 |
| | | | | live births | | |
| | | | | (Illegitimate) | | |
| 7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week of age) | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 | 18.0 | 10.0 |
| | | | | total births | | |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |
| 8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u> | | | | | 2% | |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1973

| <u>All Causes</u> | <u>Males</u> 45 | <u>Females</u> 60 |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Late Effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm Intestine | 2 | 6 |
| Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus | 7 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm Breast | - | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm Uterus | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm Prostate | 1 | - |
| Leukaemia | 1 | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc. | 1 | 5 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | - | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System etc. | - | 2 |
| Hypertensive Heart Disease | - | 2 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 12 | 8 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease | 3 | 4 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 6 | 9 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 5 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 3 | 3 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 1 | 2 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | - | 2 |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | - | 1 |
| Congenital Anomalies | 1 | - |
| Difficult Delivery and/or Anoxic Condition | - | 1 |
| Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions | - | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 | - |
| All Other Accidents | - | 1 |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries | 1 | - |
| All Other External Causes | - | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1973

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>New Cases</u> | | | <u>Deaths</u> | | | <u>Total Cases on Register</u> | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 15 | 3 | 2 |
| 1 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 5 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 15 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 25 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 35 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 45 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 55 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 65 plus | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 15 | 3 | 2 |

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from that disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1973 based on the return sent to the Department of Health & Social Security.

| Year of Birth | Primary | | | | | | Re-Inforcing | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis | Rubella | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Tetanus | Polio-myelitis |
| 1973 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1972 | 57 | - | - | 5 | 58 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1971 | 20 | - | - | 17 | 29 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | 1 | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 6 |
| 1968 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | 54 | - | 66 |
| 1966 - 1967 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 6 |
| 1957 - 1965 | - | - | 5 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 7 | - |
| TOTAL | 78 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 88 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 7 | 78 |

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30-7-71.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

| CENTRE AND DATE OF SURVEY | EXAMINEE GROUP | FILMS TAKEN | | | ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS | | | INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS | | | CANCER OF LUNG | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|-------|
| | | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| <u>JAN. - JUNE 1973</u> Recreation Ground Car Park | G.P. Cases | 34 | 27 | 61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| | B.C.G. | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Essential Users | 12 | 48 | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Public | 49 | 68 | 117 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 95 | 145 | 240 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| <u>JULY - DEC. 1973</u> Recreation Ground Car Park | G.P. Cases | 15 | 12 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| | M.O.H. Patients | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Essential Users | 5 | 9 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Public | 62 | 55 | 117 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| | | 83 | 76 | 159 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 |

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
Year Ending 31st December 1973
Treatment Centre - Ashford Hospital

| Local Health Authority area of residence of patient | Number of new cases in the year | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------|
| | Totals all Conditions | Syphilis | | Gonorrhoea | Other Genital Infections |
| | | Primary & Secondary | Other | | |
| TENTERDEN BOROUGH | 7 | - | - | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | | 1 |

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

| | <u>Bacteriological Examinations</u> | | | <u>Chemical Examinations</u> | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>No. of Samples</u> | <u>Satis- factory</u> | <u>Not Satis- factory</u> | <u>No. of Samples</u> | <u>Satis- factory</u> | <u>Not Satis- factory</u> |
| Statutory supply undertakings | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Private sources piped to dwellings | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other private sources | - | - | - | - | - | - |

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 5

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 2,252

(C) Brief details as to extension of water mains during the year:

Extension provided to give mains supply to two dwellings - Penhill Cottages, St. Michaels, Tenterden.

(D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination: None.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Extentions and improvments to the Tenterden Sewage Works, Rolvenden Rd., Tenterden were completed during the latter part of the year.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

| | |
|---|----|
| (a) The number of food premises in the area ... | 53 |
| (b) The number of food premises registered under Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 ... | 37 |
| (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... | 29 |
| (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... | 8 |
| (c) The number of inspections of registered food premises | 14 |
| (d) The method of disposal of condemned food - Controlled burial at Council's tip & covered by at least 6 ft. of refuse & consilidated. | |

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

| | |
|--|---|
| Bakehouses ... | 4 |
| Butchers and meat products manufacturers ... | 4 |

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (continued)

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Catering Establishments and Clubs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Fish (including fried) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Licensed Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Slaughterhouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Stalls, Itinerant Vendors & delivery vans | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| All other Food Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 |

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| <u>Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)</u> | ... | ... | ... | ... | Not Available |
| Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served | | | | | - |

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

(A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

Inspections carried out were at a reduced level.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947 - 1959.

No ice cream is manufactured within the boundaries of the Borough and no problems were encountered from retail outlets which deal principally in the wrapped product.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

| | <u>Samples</u> | <u>Grades</u> | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
| Sold loose | Nil | - | - | - | - |
| Wrapped or Part Wrapped | Nil | - | - | - | - |

Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part 111)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| No. of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

Routine sampling carried out by Kent County Council.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

A small amount of foodstuffs in the shops was voluntarily surrendered. Unfitness mainly due to refrigeration breakdown and damaged cans.

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Meat (Beef) | ... | ... | ... | 689 lbs. |
| Fish | ... | ... | ... | 216 lbs |
| Other Foods | | | | <u>84 lbs</u> |
| | | | | <u>989 lbs.</u> |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED | IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Sec. 42 of Hsg. Act 1957 | Unfit for human habitation. | Number of house Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Included by reason of bad arrangement. | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | On land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS | As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1) | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Houses included in unfitness orders made under para. 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act 1961 | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings. | Reported as closed up to 31st Dec. 1964. Reported as closed since 31st Dec. 64 | - |
| | | | | - |

| | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|--|----|
| B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pur- suance of Closing Orders or Under- takings | Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961 | | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957. | | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957. | | Number of dwellings | - | |
| C. Number of PERSONS DIS- PLACED | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | | | - |
| | From houses to be closed | | | - |
| | From parts of buildings to be closed | | | - |
| D. Number of FAMILIES DIS- PLACED | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | | | - |
| | From houses to be closed | | | - |
| | From parts of buildings to be closed | | | - |
| E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT | After informal action by local authority | | by owner | 10 |
| | After formal notice under Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 | | (a) by owner | - |
| | | | (b) by local authority | - |
| | After formal notice under Public Health Acts | | | - |
| | Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1961 | | | - |
| | Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1957 | | | - |
| | Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act 1957 | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts | | | | - |
| G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act 1957 | Retained for temporary accommo- dation. | Under Section 48 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Section 17(2) | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Section 46 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |

| | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---|
| | Licensed for temporary accommodation under section 34 or 53 - No. of houses | | - |
| H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT | Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders. | Number of houses | - |
| | | Number of occupants | - |

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

Below are brief details of the number of schemes submitted and the number approved for works of improvement or conversion, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Schemes submitted and approved for grants in respect of 19 houses.

Grants payable value - £14,343.

INSPECTIONS

Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 & Housing Act, 1957

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of inspections re. repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Number of dwellings made fit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act (Demolition & Closing Orders) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Number of inspections of clearance areas | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Number of inspections for general survey and assessment | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 86 |

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of inspections re. Certificates of Disrepair | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of inspections re. Certificates as to Remedying of Defects | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |

Housing (General)

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Number of inspection re housing applications | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Not recorded |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|

Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|---|
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Aged and Infirm Persons | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Vermin | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Dirty houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | | ... | ... | 2 |
| Offensive odours | | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Nuisance from Keeping of Animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

NOTICES SERVED

| | | | | | | <u>Formal</u> | <u>Informal</u> |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| Public Health Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | - |
| Housing Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - | - |

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|
| Number of camps usually occupied | ... | ... | - | - |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|

HOLIDAY CAMPS

There are no Holiday Camps in the area.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Council does not operate a cesspool emptying service. Owners and occupiers of premises with cesspools arrange emptyings with a Contractor.

DRAINAGE

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------------|
| Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) | ... | ... | 2,058 |
| Total number of houses connected to the sewers | ... | ... | 1,972 |
| Number of houses not connected to the sewers | ... | ... | - |
| Number of houses with cesspools | ... | ... | 280 approx. |
| Number of houses with pail closets | ... | ... | - |

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

No changes were made in the system of refuse collection and disposal responsibility for which will be divided on reorganization collection to the new District Council and disposal to the K.C.C..

SALVAGE

Salvage operations were restricted to a weekly waste paper collection which is based at the Laurenden Refuse Tip.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

| | <u>Bugs</u> | <u>Fleas</u> | <u>Cockroaches</u> |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Council houses | - | 3 | - |
| Other houses | - | 1 | - |

DISINFECTION

Not required during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | Number on Reg- ister (2) | Number | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Inspec- tions (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| i. Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | - | - | - | - |
| ii. Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | - | - | - | - |
| iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | - |

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | - | - |

PART VIII of the Act - Outwork - Section 110 and 111

There are no Outworkers employed in the Borough.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

| PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS | TYPE OF PROPERTY | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>NON- AGRICULTURAL</u> | <u>AGRICULTURAL</u> |
| i. Number of properties in district | 2,131 | 121 |
| ii. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 83 | - |
| (b) Number infested by i. Rats | 57 | - |
| ii. Mice | 18 | - |
| iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than noti- fication. | - | - |
| (b) Number infested by i. Rats | - | - |
| ii. Mice | - | - |

